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In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §1.121(b), a clean copy of the amended paragraph is herewith enclosed.

In the Claims

The Examiner is kindly requested to replace original claims 1 and 6 with amended claims 1 and 6 as recited herebelow in clean form:

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--1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a security element for documents, forgery-proof labels, checks and seals, comprising the steps of:
providing a polyester backing layer;
applying a covering layer to at least one face of said backing layer; and
removing preset regions of said covering layer with a laser beam having a wavelength between 900 and 1200 nm, said preset regions defining a code which can be customized in any manner and detected in any manner, said laser beam acting on said covering layer through said backing layer.--

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-- 6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, comprising a second backing layer which is applied to the other face of said covering layer.--

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